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## **Missouri Highway T at Wappapello Lake Closed for Construction**

Wappapello Lake, Mo., April 27, 2011 -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, has closed Missouri Highway T at Wappapello Dam in coordination with the Missouri Department of Transportation.

The closure allows for the safe construction of a temporary rock dike along the lake side of the dam's overflow spillway. The dike will help keep high water flowing through the dam's gates instead of over the spillway where it would damage the highway and other infrastructure.

Iron Bridge Road (Wayne County Route 517/Butler County Route 514) has been identified as an alternate route. The Corps placed rock along the alternate route to help support the added traffic due to closing Highway T.

Flows over the spillway would close Highway T across the spillway. The last time water flowed over the spillway, in April 1945, Highway T was washed out. In 2002, Wappapello Lake crested at 395.13 feet. The overflow spillway was sandbagged to prevent water from flowing over the spillway and destroying Hwy T.

Sandbagging is underway on the spillway to allow construction of the rock dike to continue.

Flows downstream of Wappapello Lake will remain at 10,000 cubic feet per second. Downstream communities should not see an additional impact. Through operation of the dam, the discharge can be maintained at 10,000 cubic feet per second, even with water over the spillway, until pool elevation reaches 397 feet.

Many recreational facilities are being closed due to this high water. For up-to-date lake information and facility closings, please call the Wappapello Lake Hotline at (573) 222-8139 or toll-free at 1-877-LAKE-INFO (1-877-525-3463) or call the Wappapello Lake Management Office at (573) 222-8562. You may visit us on the web at [www.mvs.usace.army.mil/wappapello](http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/wappapello).

More information on St. Louis District's Spring 2011 flood fight efforts is available on the Team Saint Louis websites:

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